

organ of the church and be classified with the literature of the Brethren church.

It is eminently proper that we should have our own Sunday school literature. It is in the hands of a competent committee and as it is at present, it is truly a part of the literature of the Brethren church. We may hope that as the church enlarges we may be able to enlarge our stock of Sunday school literature so that we can have it complete in every department. We should give it our best encouragement.

Our young people's literature is also very important. It is in the hands of representatives chosen by the church and will be esteemed as a part of the literature of the Brethren church.

It should be a joy and satisfaction to all true lovers of the church that our Sunday school and Young People's Societies give such great promise for the future of the church.

As the literature prepared for the Sunday school and King's Children now is, we may expect the future Brethren church to be.

I predict that the future Brethren church will be a working church. Let the literature for the S. S. and Young People be such that the future results will be a working Brethren church.

A full and complete history of the Brethren church should be written soon, while those who took part in its late developments are yet alive, and able to contribute the facts as they became personally acquainted with them. This history should extend back to and beyond, the time of Alexander Mack, and show how the Brethren church was reorganized by him. For the Brethren church did not originate at Arnold's Grove, or Ashland, or Dayton. There was a Brethren church before there was a German Baptist Brethren church, as there was also a Brethren church before there was an Alexander Mack.

Our church history should preserve these facts and hand them down to posterity. Such a work should be written by some one authorized to do the work, competent to do it with such credit to the church as to give it a worthy place among the literature of the Brethren church.

I would recommend to this conference that delegates of this district be instructed to present the following for consideration to the General Conference. That a committee be appointed by General Conference to examine and revise the literature of the church and give it the proper endorsement. That all tracts, books, pamphlets etc., written by individual member may be submitted to such committee, and if found worthy the committee shall give its endorsement and such endorsement may be printed in the preface of such books, pamphlets, etc.

I also recommend that the attention of the General Conference be called to the importance of having the history of the Brethren church written and published.

CONFERENCE HINTS.

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As our National Conference soon meets, the most important question should be with every member of the Brethren Church, what can I do to make this Conference the most successful and efficient to the cause of Christ. This should be our every day concern. For this we should earnestly labor and pray.

Our former Conferences served a grand purpose, every congregation in the brotherhood interested in them, seemed to receive new life and energy.

Those who are ready to condemn the earnest efforts put forth by the convention and to forward the cause of our beloved brotherhood were not, in general, those who most earnestly labored to build up the cause of the Brethren church. What I intended to say, more particularly, was in the way of advice, not because our brethren do not know these things but to stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance.

To make our Conference a grand success, there are some things we must leave at home, things we cannot use. One thing is selfishness. Like naughty children it had better be put into the closet until it may be kept in bounds. All should be for Christ and none for self. Self is hard to please. He always complains when crowded and is sure to be heard from,

or seen going about pouting because something has not gone according to his own notion. Mr. Self also sometimes makes very hard drives at others but in a kind of a modest way apologises by saying "If they crowd me they will hear from me." If every one would do that way we might have a meeting but no conference. Self sometimes is on hand for favors, that is, he has an ax to grind and is best suited when every one turns at his command and lets him do the holding.

There is a family called Timeites. Brother Timeite has always been very modest. The Timeites seldom have anything to say at conferences, and are very slow to decide. They are nearly all married to a family named Neutrals. Bro. Neutral was a man that seldom did any voting. He never could decide for himself, and his whole family were just like him. The Timeites usually vote with their wives. This accounts for the large neutral vote on so many questions. We should have the Timeites at Conference but the number should not be too great, as the deliberations would be few and the Neutrals would rule, and no business would be done.

There is Bro. Fearful, he is well informed and usually decides for himself on nearly all matters but he lacks courage to speak and vote his mind unless he gets excited on account of great danger, when he speaks as though the house was on fire. Bro. Fearful is needed at Conference, for there is Bro. Fast. He loves to ride on a bicycle, or something faster, in order to catch up with Bigman. This man Bigman is a brother to the man who went up into the temple to pray with a publican some years ago. The Fearfuls some times succeed in stopping Bro. Fast before he runs over the precipice to destruction.

This then gives time to a class we call Moderationists who usually weigh, or try to weigh every thing in a pair of balances called the Bible.

Self weighs everything by himself, and will not accept any weight that does not tip the scales his own way.

The Timeies are usually modest and good at heart. They accept and weigh on the right balance but their timidity